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## MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - NOVEMBER, 1959

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30.6.1959 -

Males - 368,477 Females - 350,687 Persons - 719,164

Metropolitan at 30.6.1959

Persons - 389,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	OCTOBER				Ten Months ended OCTOBER			
	1959		1958		1959		1958	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	462	7.54	480	7.96	4,388	7.34	4,225	7.19
Births	1,505	24.57	1,534	25.44	14,328	23.97	14,141	24.07
Deaths	481	7.85	505	8.37	4,614	7.72	4,716	8.03
Infant Mortality (b)	33	21.93	33	21.51	268	18.70	296	20.93

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Tuberculosis	2	2	25	23
Malignant neoplasms	84	77	769	745
Diabetes mellitus	4	7	41	51
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	-	15	12
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	53	75	528	583
Diseases of the heart	163	182	1,506	1,560
Hypertension with heart disease	8	8	100	139
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	10	3	42	46
Arteriosclerosis	17	15	121	113
Influenza	1	1	82	7
Pneumonia	19	18	170	168
Bronchitis	12	10	69	63
Other respiratory diseases	7	4	53	47
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	5	29	37
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	3	22	26
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	5	7
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	3	20	28
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	7	50	54
Disease of the prostate	1	4	44	42
Maternal causes	-	1	5	8
Diseases of early infancy	15	14	153	168
Motor vehicle accidents	17	9	140	154
Other accidents	7	10	144	135
Suicide	8	8	68	86
All other causes	44	39	413	414
Total:	481	505	4,614	4,716

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, 1959, totalled 838,570 acres, an increase of 86,794 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 11,475,752 acres, an increase of 7,598,624 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Revenue	£. 4,921,978	£. 4,220,343	£. 23,648,730	£. 22,588,754
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 16. 2	5. 18. 8	32. 15. 3	31. 17. 6
Expenditure	5,506,357	4,777,043	26,624,291	26,325,992
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 12. 4	6. 14. 4	36. 17. 9	37. 2. 11

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of November, 1959, amounted to £75,683,693 or £104-9-3 per head of population as against £68,319,652 or £95-18-8 per head at the end of November, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 25th November, 1959, amounted to £17,964,525 compared with £15,217,910 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		NOVEMBER		Five Months ended NOVEMBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No.	1,782	1,449	9,242	8,320
	£.	3,002,412	2,119,443	14,355,344	12,801,042
Mortgages	No.	1,232	1,080	6,794	6,392
	£.	2,582,066	1,821,509	14,371,610	12,210,151
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	983	821	5,327	4,781

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS  
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
November, 1959	3,574,366	3,754,547	10,831,074	713,910
November, 1958	3,975,610	3,409,597	9,205,542	580,610
Five Months ended November, 1959	19,925,432	16,265,190	54,339,730	3,320,694
Five Months ended November, 1958	19,314,068	16,041,456	51,154,847	2,919,793

COMPANIES REGISTERED

144 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,899,800 and 64 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 94 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £5,173,350 and 52 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Five Months ended NOVEMBER					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	49	94,471	21,730	57	340,959	74,795
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	36	129,383	163,724	44	259,024	244,345

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,231,500	1,115,900	4,959,000	4,199,600
Operating Expenses (a) £.	1,301,240	1,266,869	5,172,469	4,981,500
Train Miles Run No.	674,925	653,807	2,712,170	2,466,183
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 110,947	(c) 96,505	(d) 387,778	(e) 382,663
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,225,204	1,230,707	5,010,703	4,970,038
Motor Bus No.	24,381	21,048	94,057	93,093
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	318,319	263,505	1,339,747	1,009,315
Livestock	20,722	22,483	63,722	56,584
Departmental (Free Freight)	59,621	63,319	254,119	256,475
Total:	398,662	349,307	1,657,588	1,322,374
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	51,000,142	42,404,300	218,828,603	169,041,745
Livestock	2,483,309	3,122,174	8,461,115	7,949,099
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,032,123	5,553,161	23,738,858	24,743,386
Total:	59,515,574	51,079,635	251,028,576	201,734,230

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 10th October.

(c) Four weeks ended 11th October.

(d) Period 1st July to 10th October.

(e) Period 1st July to 11th October.

\* Figures subject to revision.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

## (1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959 -										
January	435	77	180	-	149	732	118	419	3	182
February	446	68	153	-	166	719	108	398	10	214
March	393	88	138	-	134	656	129	404	6	191
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	189	487	12	125
September	528	132	249	3	131	828	210	514	4	181
October	578	117	256	1	128	959	207	571	2	163

## (2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
January	74,068	25,172	560	8,870	115,044	65,100	1,082	12,826
February	74,286	25,139	564	8,961	115,371	65,174	1,175	12,971
March	74,510	25,170	564	8,995	116,297	65,870	1,184	13,183
April	75,009	25,236	566	9,031	116,494	65,518	1,183	13,052
May	75,110	25,217	583	9,084	117,375	66,160	1,207	13,291
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
July	76,871	25,687	588	9,113	118,069	64,960	1,197	12,894
August	77,129	25,707	598	9,095	118,987	65,464	1,210	12,986
September	77,303	25,762	572	9,139	119,778	65,928	1,185	13,128
October	77,933	25,900	571	9,202	120,522	66,147	1,181	13,030

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

## TRADE OR WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency  
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958
Oversea	3,526	3,300	14,294	17,321	11,305	8,090	33,146	29,828
Interstate	10,636	10,722	36,866	35,019	2,124	3,760	11,714	11,739
Total:	14,162	14,022	51,160	52,340	13,429	11,850	44,860	41,567



# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959 -										
March Qr.	366	981	1,028	3,071	24	139	161	2,045	1,579	6,236
June Qr.	409	1,107	1,066	3,192	41	277	184	1,923	1,700	6,499
Sept. Qr.	367	961	1,251	3,682	37	332	182	2,286	1,837	7,261

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959 -										
March Qr.	831	2,775	9	19	532	1,215	1	2	1,373	4,011
June Qr.	891	2,946	8	18	531	1,200	3	9	1,433	4,173
Sept. Qr.	969	3,125	5	15	561	1,304	2	2	1,537	4,446

## GOLD PRODUCTION (a)

Item	NOVEMBER		Eleven Months ended NOVEMBER	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
Quantity Fine oz.	68,858	67,563	749,135	747,082
Value (Aust. Currency) £.	1,075,912	1,055,665	11,704,632	11,673,131
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	237,500	340,625	1,340,000	1,401,719

(a) Comprises gold refined at the Mint and gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Metropolitan Area	2998	3129	2967	3043	2758	2830	2731	2790
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3222	3388	3187	3293	2663	2734	2639	2695
Northam	3111	3195	3093	3125	2716	2767	2701	2729
Bunbury	3091	3140	3136	3082	2786	2852	2785	2817
Geraldton	3238	3453	3222	3322	2962	3100	2943	3030
Collie	3199	3284	3186	3197	2539	2580	2526	2546

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic, Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp).

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1957:</u>				<u>1958 (cont.):</u>			
November	139.1	45.7	184.8	November	139.1	46.4	185.5
December	138.7	46.0	184.7	December	139.3	46.8	186.1
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959:</u>			
January	138.7	45.2	183.9	January	139.2	46.5	185.7
February	138.9	45.7	184.6	February	139.2	46.5	185.7
March	139.8	46.0	185.8	March	139.7	46.8	186.5
April	139.4	45.9	185.3	April	139.8	46.8	186.6
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	139.5	47.1	186.6
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	139.5	46.8	186.3
July	138.1	45.6	183.7	July	139.6	46.8	186.4
August	138.3	45.9	184.2	August	139.4	46.7	186.1
September	138.8	46.2	185.0	September	140.2	47.1	187.3
October	139.2	46.2	185.4	October	140.5	47.4	187.9

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
January	226	237	241	232	231	225
February	228	240	241	235	233	226
March	231	242	240	236	234	227
April	230	243	239	234	233	227
May	231	242	238	234	230	227
June	230	239	235	231	228	225
July	230	238	231	229	225	225
August	230	239	230	229	225	226
September	232	241	233	232	225	229
October	233	241	233	232	226	229
November	234	243	233	233	227	
December	233	242	232	232	226	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
26/10/59	14.	1.	6	9.	3.	0	14.	1.	3
							9.	2.	10
							13.	17.	4
							9.	0.	3

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
October, 1959	17,594	2,795	201,466	161,376	15,599
October, 1958	16,573	2,802	159,873	200,914	20,011
4 Months ended October, 1959	86,645	9,997	566,167	365,555	60,284
4 Months ended October, 1958	76,389	10,820	514,643	395,166	76,549

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
October, 1959	3,604	112	3,545	2,277	860
October, 1958	3,322	123	3,113	2,873	1,024
4 Months ended October, 1959	18,488	388	10,210	4,963	3,340
4 Months ended October, 1958	16,126	424	9,778	5,510	3,841

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
10 Mths.ended October, 1958	5,581	7,327	2,006	2,840	7,587	10,167	66	150	2,436	3,622
10 Mths.ended October, 1959	5,243	7,007	2,048	2,895	7,291	9,902	68	136	2,590	3,784
1959 -										
January	448	663	193	291	641	954	7	16	248	420
February	460	594	199	284	659	878	5	13	265	386
March	464	628	217	296	681	924	11	17	255	364
April	449	625	198	270	647	895	2	8	247	346
May	579	748	199	309	778	1,057	5	15	254	397
June	575	766	204	271	779	1,037	12	17	245	317
July	564	764	238	320	802	1,084	8	11	272	392
August	617	819	204	290	821	1,109	1	9	276	377
September	490	652	175	250	665	902	5	7	246	359
October	597	748	221	314	818	1,062	12	23	282	426

# AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958		1959										
		Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6	20.10	23. 6	25. 4	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2	12.10	12. 6	11. 6
Oranges - Navel	bush.	51. 2	-	-	-	-	-	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2	32. 7	40. 3	-
- Val.	bush.	36. 7	39.11	40. 3	43. 6	40. 9	43.10	-	-	-	25. 6	28. 0	28. 8	28. 4
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 1	9	1. 0	8	8	11	9	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 1	1. 4	1. 1
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	36. 6	54. 6	-	-	16. 9	18. 4	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5	32. 9	38. 6	40. 7
- Other	bush.	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6	24. 7	20.10	29. 9	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10	29. 5	34. 4	42. 6
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	29. 0	16.10	16.11	24. 2	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0	27.11	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	42. 2	28. 3	35.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.11
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	24.11	22. 6	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	24. 3	18. 6	17. 6	22. 8	31. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	23. 4	19. 8	16. 4	20. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	-	-	20. 2	19. 7	24.10	27. 2	28. 5	-	-	-	-	-	22.10
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate $\neq$	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4	13. 8	16. 7	11.10	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2	5. 2	6. 3	7. 6
Cauliflowers	dozen	16. 8	-	-	18.10	13.10	17. 7	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4	16. 5	16. 9	14. 2
Lettuce	crate	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2	8. 3	8.10	8. 5	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3	13. 4	11. 4	11. 9
Table Celery	doz.head	9.10	9. 9	7. 7	8. 2	7. 4	7. 5	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9	7. 5	9. 2	8. 7
Beetroot	cwt.	(c)	33.11	35. 5	50. 0	66. 3	23. 6	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8	26. 1	24. 1	22. 8
Carrots	cwt.	(c)	27.11	32. 5	46. 2	64. 7	63. 8	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1	28. 6	61. 4	57. 5
Parsnips	cwt.	(c)	51.11	67.10	93. 7	112. 4	127. 3	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11	46. 6	44.11	47. 1
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1	15. 3	12. 7	10. 5	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4	5. 0	4. 8	9. 3
Swedes	cwt.	(c)	43. 7	56.10	62. 0	58. 2	60.10	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7	27. 4	29. 6	44.10
Runner Beans	lb.	11	8	1. 1	11	1. 1	5	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3	1. 5	1. 6	9
Peas	lb.	9	11	1. 7	1. 9	1. 3	1. 2	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0	11
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	5	7	7	5	5	4	5	6	6	7	9	10
Pumpkin	bag	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5	18. 1	16.10	15. 8	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6	36. 1	43. 1	60. 6
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6	13. 8	15.10	14. 9	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11	28. 3	21. 5	18. 2
Onions (a)	ton	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Potatoes (b)	ton	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	40. 0.0	50. 0.0	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	55. 0.0
		36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.

(d) Onion Pool closed 11th May.

$\neq$  50 lb. crate.



AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958		1959											
	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
SHEEP														
Suckers	3. 2. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7	2.14.11	2.12. 5	2. 9. 1	
Lambs														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	3.13. 7	3.17. 1	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2	3.16. 5	-	-	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-	-	2. 1.10	2. 4. 6	
Hoggets														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	3. 7. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Shorn	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3	3. 0. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ewes														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	1.18. 5	2. 3. 6	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6.10	-	-	-	
Shorn	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11	1.18. 6	-	-	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2	1. 6. 4	1. 3. 4	1. 3. 9	
Wethers														
In Wool	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 4	2.14. 1	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9	2.18. 5	-	-	
Shorn	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5	2. 7. 5	-	-	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3	1.14. 6	1.13. 7	1.13.10	
CATTLE														
Baby Beef	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8	29. 4. 9	31.14. 4	33.17. 1	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1	31.10. 1	29.17. 1	30. 1. 9	
Heifers	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11	-	-	-	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9	40. 9. 4	35. 8.10	36. 5. 5	
Cows	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3	40. 3.11	42. 8. 7	46.10. 4	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3	45. 2.10	42. 9. 7	44. 9. 3	
Steers	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0	44. 1. 0	45. 5. 7	48. 8. 3	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9	45. 4. 1	44.15. 6	44.17. 4	
Bullocks	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-	-	-	53.16.11	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2	51. 7.10	51. 4. 2	52. 2.10	
PIGS														
Slips	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11	4.18. 5	5. 4. 7	5.19. 1	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1	6.15.10	5. 8. 2	6.15. 5	
Porkers	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4	9. 1. 3	8.17. 5	10. 0.11	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8	12.13. 0	12. 7. 6	11.14. 7	
Baconers	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7	14.11.10	13.18. 3	15. 4.11	15. 2.8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4	20. 4. 4	20. 5. 9	18.14. 0	

# RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE

Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. These comprise public and private companies, partnerships, banks and other finance businesses.

Period During which New Agreements were made	Motor Vehicles Tractors, etc. (a)			Plant and Machinery (b)			Household and Personal Goods (c)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (f)
	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	Agree- ments	Value of Goods (d)	Amount Financed (e)	
YEAR ENDED JUNE:	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1955	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1956	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1957	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1958	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1959	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,721	4,166	3,340	80,864	24,164	15,771	20,779
MONTH:													
1958 - April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,572	478	359	7,029	2,052	1,354	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,517	324	253	5,796	1,876	1,217	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,637	279	227	5,947	1,991	1,278	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,793	311	249	6,329	2,113	1,355	20,899
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,808	270	220	6,178	1,848	1,198	20,818
June	2,177	1,442	869	131	77	52	3,179	262	209	5,487	1,751	1,130	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,330	294	229	5,682	1,953	1,244	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,613	281	227	6,027	2,009	1,314	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,741	356	289	6,361	2,097	1,380	21,407
October													(g)21,944

- (a) Includes new and used motor cars, motor cycles, commercial vehicles, tractors, caravans, motor parts and accessories.  
 (b) Includes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, aircraft, industrial plant and machinery, business machines and equipment (including commercial refrigeration equipment), etc. (c) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycle and other household and personal goods. (d) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (e) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Includes hiring charges and insurance.  
 (g) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.

**VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS: £ MILLION**

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58, 1958-59 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision for all periods subsequent to 30th June, 1957.

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing and Drapery (b)	Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods (d)	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Chemists' Goods	News-papers, Books, etc.	Other Goods (e)(f)	Total excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (g)
<u>YEAR</u>														
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	(h)	3.8	2.4	3.0	(i)	(i)	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	(h)	9.3	6.1	5.2	(i)	(i)	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.3	11.5	20.6	18.0	29.1	(h)	12.1	8.1	6.7	(i)	(i)	33.9	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.8	11.2	19.5	18.4	24.9	4.2	10.9	8.6	6.6	5.6	4.8	21.3	164.8	55.3
<u>March Qtr.</u>														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8	(h)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(i)	(i)	7.8	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0	(h)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(i)	(i)	8.1	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0	(h)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(i)	(i)	8.5	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.6	40.1	13.9
<u>June Qtr.</u>														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3	(h)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(i)	(i)	7.5	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3	(h)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(i)	(i)	7.8	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4	(h)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(i)	(i)	8.2	40.6	14.0
1959	7.2	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.1	2.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	6.1	41.9	14.3
<u>Sept. Qtr.</u>														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6	(h)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(i)	(i)	6.6	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.0	4.6	4.2	6.7	(h)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(i)	(i)	7.0	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.6	4.0	5.9	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.0
<u>Dec. Qtr.</u>														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2	(h)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(i)	(i)	7.8	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5	(h)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(i)	(i)	8.1	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.8	5.0	5.2	7.1	1.2	3.1	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.7	14.1

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Footwear in 1956-57, 1958-59 and for quarters from September, 1958. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (d) Includes Radios, Television and Accessories, Musical Instruments, Domestic Refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (f) Excludes newspapers, etc., and Chemists' Goods in 1956-57, 1958-59 and for quarters from September, 1958. (g) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (h) Included with Clothing and Drapery. (i) Included with Other Goods.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	700	716	2,125	2,316
Bricks - Cement	'000	63	53	299	585
- Clay	"	9,050	9,193	35,770	34,775
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	116	114	452	458
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,537	1,927	8,341	8,397
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	34,884	28,545	121,575	99,341
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	517	469	1,886	1,839
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup.ft.	19,419	20,529	79,911	77,257
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	699	827	3,590	3,923
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	1,005	1,920	2,655	4,025
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	7,405	5,826	23,511	22,484
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	50	58	246	294
- 2 piece	"	1,543	1,581	6,180	5,788
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	6,378	5,773	24,426	20,200
- Work	"	18,241	15,827	65,964	59,085
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	70,829	61,498	201,744	221,268
Slippers	"	12,854	24,088	55,292	83,922
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	293	265	990	747
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	23,010	22,316	57,931	53,961
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	564	598	2,194	2,065
Butter	"	2,332	2,127	8,225	7,099
Cheese	"	485	390	1,715	1,170
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	848	665	2,745	1,950
- Sulphuric	ton	21,410	14,621	75,050	61,285
Coal	"	79,952	77,489	327,552	315,556
Electricity Generated	'000 k.W.h.	75,589	71,907	304,345	291,333
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	120	128	493	529
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,726	2,830	11,210	11,109
- Woven Wire	"	1,209	6,313	9,791	10,040
- Soft Filled	"	2,597	3,119	11,345	11,396
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	"	58	51	183	147
Pig Iron	ton	3,939	1,526	14,432	6,526
Superphosphate	"	58,267	40,458	207,735	168,316
Wool-Scoured	'000 lb.	3,014	2,173	10,514	7,774

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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